

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawings (Figs. 1-3) with the replacement drawings attached hereto, the changes of which are provided in RED in the annotated version.

REMARKS

The drawings, specification and claim 15 have been amended, and claim 14 canceled.

The sole rejection is to claim 14, which is moot in view of its cancellation.

Claims 1-13 are allowed, and claim 15 is objected to as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include and base and intervening claims. Claim 15 has been rewritten to include base claim 14. Hence, claim 15 is now allowable.

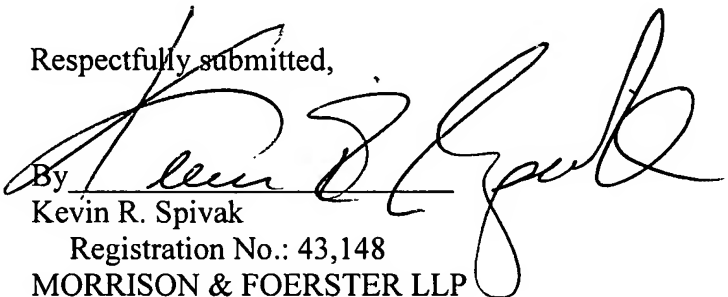
If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Otherwise, all claims are now in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is solicited.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **449122060300**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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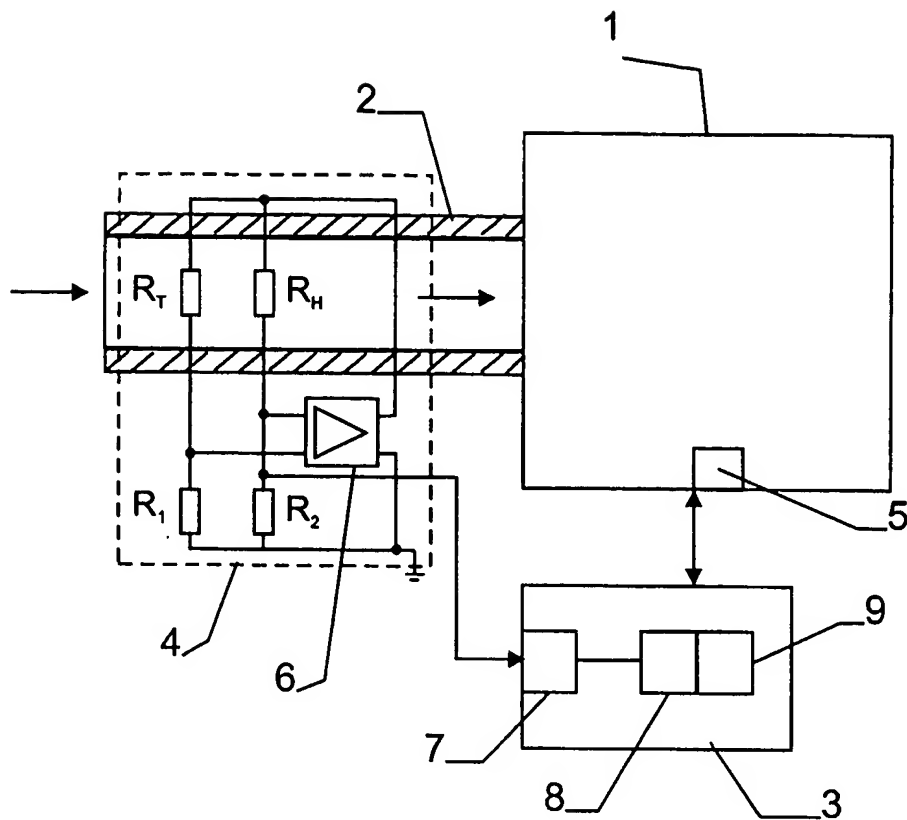


Fig. 1

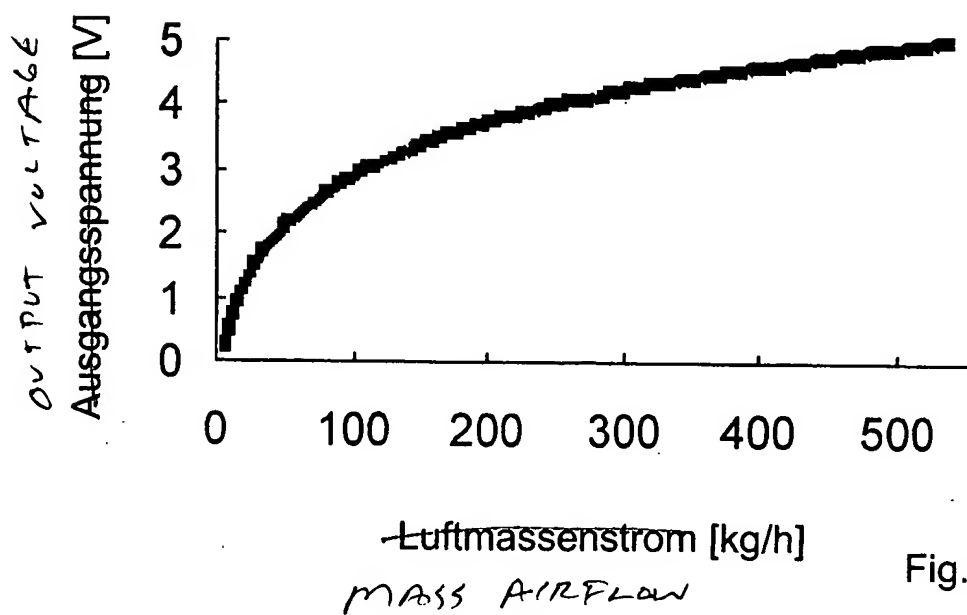


Fig. 2

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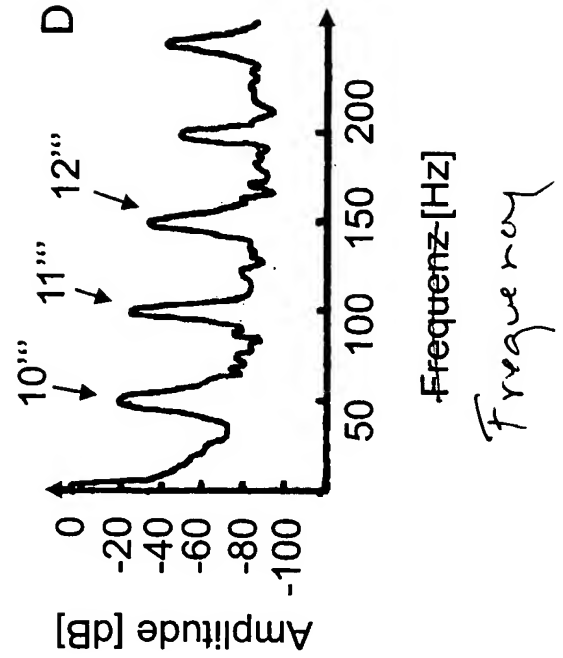
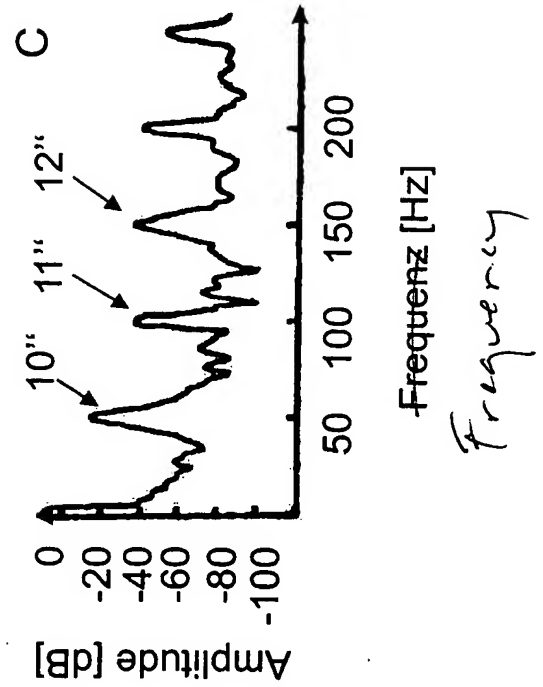
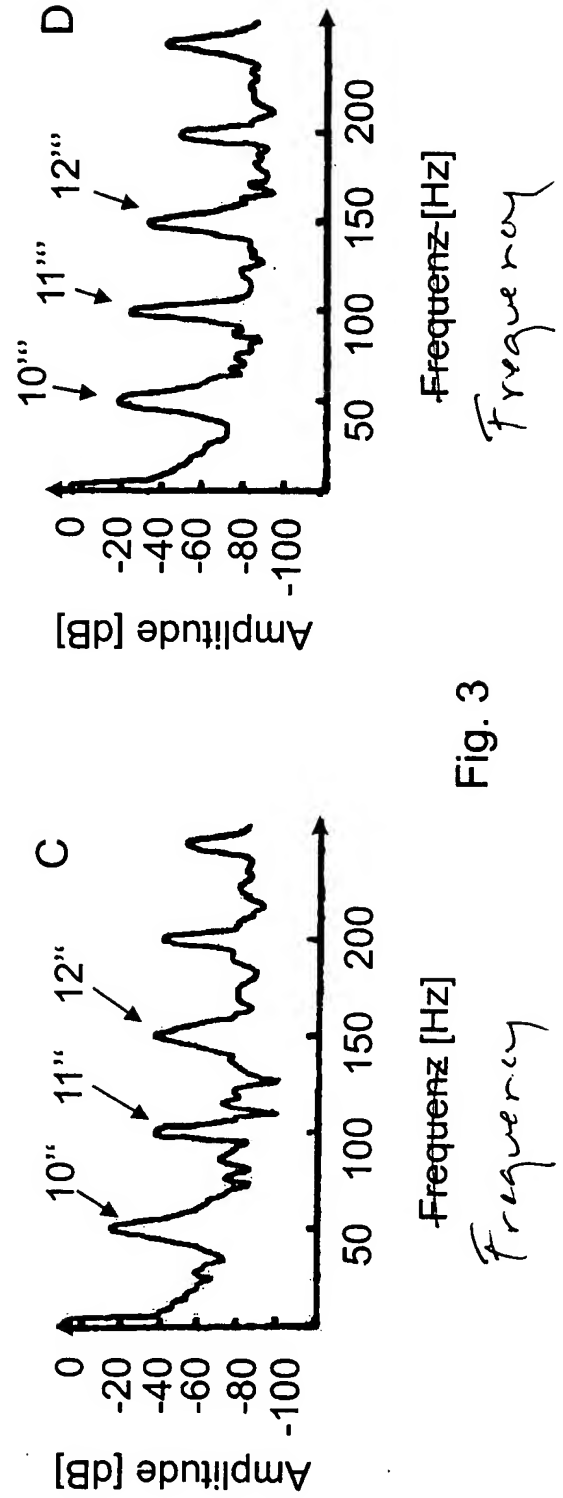
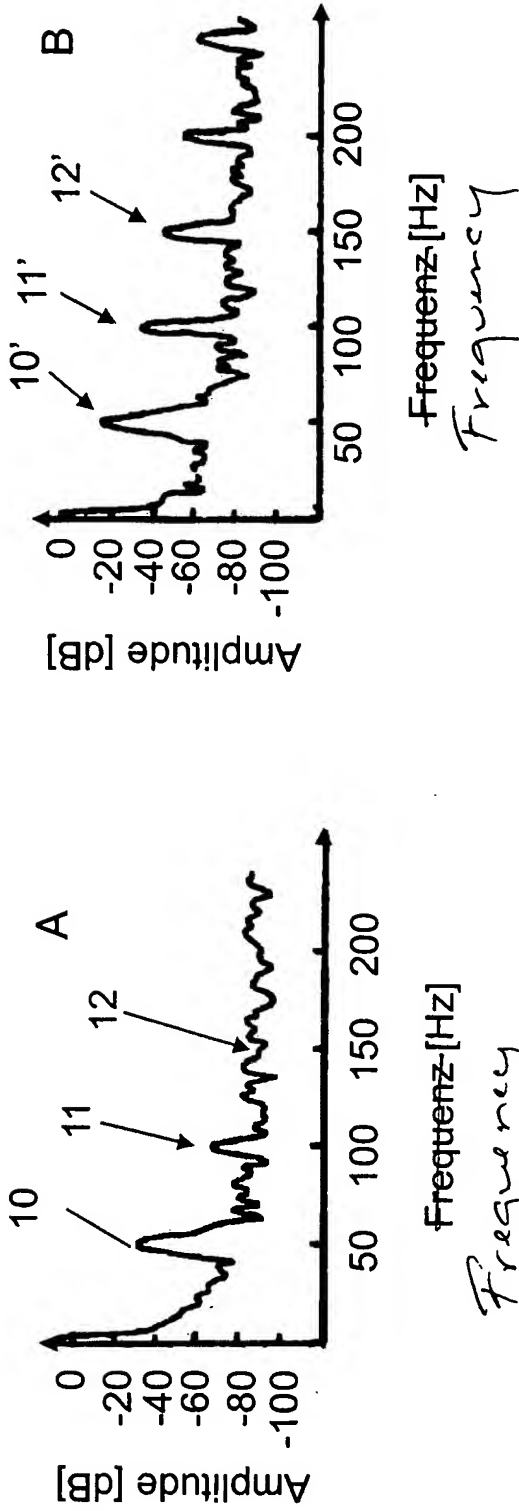
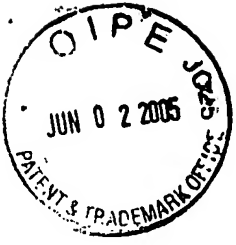


Fig. 3

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